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Dear Executive Director:

As an almond grower in Butte County, I am very concerned with CALFED's lack of assurances concerning the life of the last truly healthy water basin--Butte Basin of Northern California.

Mining Butte Basin to solve California's water problems is a dangerous short-term measure attempt and totally unrealistic. It will threaten Northern California's growth, its water safety for domestic users, agriculture, industry and for environment and wildlife.

We now know much about off-stream surface storage which avoids the dangers of on-stream dams. Use that knowledge about storage with a policy of extraordinary conservation to help with current demand because it cannot provide supply for future population. And include a policy of basin responsibility to manage growth within their developed water resources.

Off-stream surface storage is the only safe solution for for more water for California. California is behind and must begin planning and building immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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